

Delta Dental of Michigan

Statement on Senate Bill 741

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Delta Dental of Michigan believes that the Certificate of Need (CON) Commission serves an important role in controlling health care costs in Michigan. We encourage interested parties to work within the CON framework, rather than through the legislative process, to review the availability and use of dental CT scanners.

One important consideration should be the adoption of guidelines for how and when dental CT scanners are used. Because dental CT scanners expose patients to more radiation than conventional machines, their use should be limited to cases where they are deemed necessary. The CON Commission is best positioned to develop those guidelines with advice and guidance from experts in the field.